IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~1~~ 33 comprising:

a plurality of partial quantum-wave interference layer I_k with T_k periods of a pair of said first layer and said second layer being displaced in series by varying k as 1, 2, ..., and

wherein index k of said plurality of said partial quantum-wave interference layers correspond to index k of kinetic energy level E_k and said first and second layers have thicknesses of $n_{Wk}\lambda_{Wk}/4$, and $n_{Bk} k_{Bk}/4$, respectively, where E_k+V and E_k, λ_{Wk} and k_{Bk}, and n_{Wk}, n_{Bk} represent kinetic energy level of carriers flowing into respective said first layer and said second layer, wavelength of quantum-wave of carriers flowing into respective said first layer and said second layer, and even numbers, respectively, and λ_{Wk} and λ_{Bk} are determined by functions of E_k+V and E_k, respectively.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~2~~ 35 comprising:

a plurality of partial quantum-wave interference layer I_k with T_k periods of a pair of said first layer and said second layer being displaced in series by varying k as 1, 2, .., and

wherein index k of said plurality of said partial quantum-wave interference layers correspond to index k of kinetic energy level E_k and said first and second layers have thicknesses of $n_{Wk}\lambda_{Wk}/4$, and $n_{Bk}\lambda_{Bk}/4$, respectively, where E_k+V and E_k, λ_{Wk} and λ_{Bk}, and n_{Wk}, n_{Bk} represent kinetic energy level of carriers flowing into respective said first layer and said second layer, wavelength of quantum-wave of carriers flowing into respective said first

layer and said second layer, and even numbers, respectively, and λ_{Wk} and λ_{Bk} are determined by functions of E_k+V and E_k, respectively.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~1~~ 33, wherein said carrier accumulation layer has the same bandgap as that of said first layer.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~3~~ 35, wherein said carrier accumulation layer has the same bandgap as that of said first layer.

Claim 9 (previously amended): A light-receiving device according to claim 5, wherein said carrier accumulation layer has the same bandgap as that of said first layer.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~3~~ 35, wherein said carrier accumulation layer is formed to have a thickness same as said quantum-wave wavelength λ_W.

Claim 11 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 8, wherein said carrier accumulation layer is formed to have a thickness same as said quantum-wave wavelength λ_W.

Claim 12 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 9, wherein said carrier accumulation layer is formed to have a thickness same as said quantum-wave wavelength λ_W.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~1~~ 33, wherein a δ layer is formed between said first layer and said second layer, said δ layer is substantially thinner than said first layer and said second layer, and sharply varies an energy band.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~3~~ 35, wherein a δ layer is formed between said first layer and said second layer, said δ layer is

substantially thinner than said first layer and said second layer, and sharply varies an energy band.

Claim 15 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 8, wherein a δ layer is formed between said first layer and said second layer, said δ layer is substantially thinner than said first layer and said second layer, and sharply varies an energy band.

Claim 16 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 10, wherein a δ layer is formed between said first layer and said second layer, said δ layer is substantially thinner than said first layer and said second layer, and sharply varies an energy band.

Claims 17-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 5 further comprising:

a pin junction structure; and

wherein said quantum-wave interference layer units and said carrier accumulation layer are formed in an i-layer.

Claims 20-21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~1~~ 33, wherein said quantum-wave interference layer units and said carrier accumulation layer are formed in an n-layer or a p-layer.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A light-receiving device according to claim ~~3~~ 35, wherein said quantum-wave interference layer units and said carrier accumulation layer are formed in an n-layer or a p-layer.

Claim 24 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 5, wherein said quantum-wave interference layer units and said carrier accumulation layer are formed in an n-layer or a p-layer.

Claim 25 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 8, wherein said quantum-wave interference layer units and said carrier accumulation layer are formed in an n-layer or a p-layer.

Claim 26 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 10, wherein said quantum-wave interference layer units and said carrier accumulation layer are formed in an n-layer or a p-layer.

Claim 27 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 22, further comprising a pn junction structure.

Claim 28 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 23, further comprising a pn junction structure.

Claim 29 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 24, further comprising a pn junction structure.

Claim 30 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 25, further comprising a pn junction structure.

Claim 31 (original): A light-receiving device according to claim 26, further comprising a pn junction structure.

Claim 32 (canceled)

Claim 33 (new): A light-receiving device which converts an incident light into an electric current, comprising:

an n-layer with n conduction type;

a p-layer with p conduction type; and

an intermediate layer;

said intermediate layer comprising,

quantum-wave interference layer units having plural periods of a pair of a first layer and a second layer, said second layer having a wider band gap than said first layer;

a carrier accumulation layer disposed between adjacent two of said quantum-wave interference layer units and electrons and holes being excited by incident light in said carrier accumulation layer; and

wherein each thickness of said first and said second layers is determined by multiplying by an even number one fourth of quantum-wave wavelength of carriers in each of said first and said second layers and said carrier accumulation layer has a band gap narrower than that of said second layer, and said p-layer is applied with a positive voltage against said n-layer and excited electrons are flowed to said p-layer and excited holes are flowed to said n-layer.

Claim 34 (new): A light-receiving device according to claim 33, wherein a kinetic energy of said carriers which determines said quantum-wave wavelength is set at a level near the bottom of a conduction band and a valence band of said second layer, according to the case that said carriers are electrons and holes, respectively.

Claim 35 (new): A light-receiving device according to claim 33, wherein a quantum-wave wavelength λ_W in said first layer is determined by a formula $\lambda_W = h/ [2m_W (E+V)]^{1/2}$, a quantum-wave wavelength λ_B in said second layer is determined by a formula $\lambda_B = h/ (2m_B E)^{1/2}$, said thickness of said first layer D_W is determined by a formula $D_W = n_W \lambda_W/4$, and said thickness of said second layer D_B is determined by a formula $D_B = n_B \lambda_B/4$, where h, m_W, m_B, E, V, and n_W and n_B represent Plank's constant, effective mass of said carrier in said first layer, effective mass of said carrier in said second layer, kinetic energy of carriers flowing into said second layer, potential energy of said second layer to said first layer, and even numbers, respectively.

Claim 36 (new): A light-receiving device according to claim 34, wherein a quantum-wave wavelength λ_W in said first layer is determined by a formula $\lambda_W = h/[2m_W(E+V)]^{1/2}$, a quantum-wave wavelength λ_B in said second layer is determined by a formula $\lambda_B = h/(2m_BE)^{1/2}$, said thickness of said first layer D_W is determined by a formula $D_W = n_W\lambda_W/4$, and said thickness of said second layer D_B is determined by a formula $D_B = n_B\lambda_B/4$, where h, m_W, m_B, E, V, and n_W and n_B represent Plank's constant, effective mass of said carrier in said first layer, effective mass of said carrier in said second layer, kinetic energy of carriers flowing into said second layer, potential energy of said second layer to said first layer, and even numbers, respectively.